

APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Regular meeting of Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: January 28, 2003
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: Milpitas Community Center, Room 7 & 8

- I. ROLL** The Chair Satwant Gill called to order the Milpitas Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Committee at 7:00 p.m. Committee members Armando, Walker, Dizon, Downey, and Andrade-Bunnell were present. BFI staff Chris Valbusa, Guiselle Nunez, and Richard Su were also in attendance. Staff present: Darryl Wong, Gail Blalock, and Marilyn Nickel.
- II. MINUTES** The minutes from the special meeting of June 27, 2002 were approved.
- Motion to approve
M/S: Armando/Downey Ayes: All
- III. PUBLIC INPUT**
None.
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Armando noted a fund raiser for two inflatable earth balloons was scheduled for February 13, 2003 at the San Jose Fairmont from 6-9 pm.
- Councilmember Gomez noted the Commissioner Dinner was scheduled for Thursday January 30.
- V. AGENDA** The agenda for this meeting was approved.
- Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.
M/S: Armando/Dizon Ayes: All
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
1. Committee Bylaws - Gail Blalock, the City Clerk, noted that changes to the bylaws are needed to be consistent with the other commissions. Changes would include allowing 1 year term for alternates.
- Motion to conceptually approve the proposed changes to the bylaws.
M/S: Dizon / Andrade-Bunnell Ayes: All
2. Election of Officers - Satwant Gill and Keith Walker were nominated as chair and vice-chair, respectively.
- Motion to elect Satwant Gill and Keith Walker as chair and vice-chair, respectively.
M/S: Armando / Downey Ayes: All
3. Disposal Reduction Achievement -Nickel noted that the preliminary Milpitas results showed 52% diversion. The primary reason for the decline from 56% in 2000 is due to a 15% drop in sales tax revenue. Armando asked if the Recyclery has information on the overall diversion. Nunez of BFI noted that she can provide some information. Walker noted that he would be interested in viewing a chart comparing other this cities if this is available.
4. Committee Budget Fiscal Year 2002-03 - Nickel stated that the Commission has a budget of \$600 for fiscal year 02-03 through the City Manager's budget for funding workshops, memberships, or training

activities. Walker asked and learned that Nickel and Wong are the staff to the Commission. Armando stated that he would provide information on a State California Integrated Waste Management Board workshop in Sacramento in April. There was discussion about composting which led to discussion about tours of the Recyclery and Raisch. Wong to confirm whether the Recyclery tour is February 7 or February 28.

5. Computer Recycling - A proposed bill would set up a recycling fee for computers. Walker noted that the schools use Apple IICs and no one wants them. He also notes that he believes that in Europe the manufacturer is responsible for disposal.
6. Residential Scavenging - Wong noted that there have been observations of people removing recyclables from curbside bins. BFI receives revenues from the recyclables that is used to offset program costs. Chair Gill related that his whole container had been taken. Armando noted that this is stealing from BFI. Valbusa of BFI stated that they don't know how much is taken, the value of the commodity fluctuates, and the diversion may be affected. He would like to be able to report repeated occurrences by the same people. Wong expressed a concern that the residential participation would drop if they thought their recycling effort wasn't helpful.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

7. Audit Results - Nickel reported the results of auditing BFI records. The city was reimbursed a total of \$197,810 for household dump day overcharges. The number of complaints and safety-related issues generally occurred less frequently than industry averages. The most common complaint is "missed pick-up". Additional performance-related items were included in the BFI contract. The city reimbursed BFI \$19,506 for franchise fee overpayment.
8. New Rates - Wong described the result of the rate negotiations; no change in residential sector rates, optional cars rental and bulky pick up increased by 4.5%, and commercial rates increased from 4.5 - 13%. Other program changes were described, including additional performance penalties, expanding materials that can be collected by other recyclers, instituted Saturday commercial recycling, elimination of household dump day penalties, and addition of residential stabilization fee to buffer future extraordinary costs. It was noted that the Milpitas residential and commercial rates are in the lower 1/4th when compared with neighboring cities.
9. Solid Waste Diversion Activities - Nickel provided highlights of the activities conducted over the last 6 months, including: Global Village, Fourth of July Parade, Burnett School beautification, Pollution Prevention Week, creek clean-up, and several other outreach efforts.

VIII. ROUNDTABLE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nickel announced that the next regularly scheduled committee meeting will be July 22, 2003, at 7:00 pm, location to be verified.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Tours of Recyclery and Raisch
- 2) Sacramento CIWMB workshop

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

M/S: Bodine/Walker

Ayes: All

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Minutes: Special meeting of Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: February 7, 2003
Meeting Time: 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: Raisch Recycle Facility 2122 OLD CALAVERAS ROAD.

- I. **ROLL** The Milpitas Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 2:00pm. Committee members Armando, Walker, Dizon, Andrade-Bunnell, and Satwant Gill were present. Staff present: Nickel and Wong.
- II. **TOUR** John Armando led the group on the tour. It was observed that asphalt, concrete, porcelain, and glass materials were mixed to rock piles for use as aggregate in pavement.
- III. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned.

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Minutes: Special meeting of Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: February 28, 2003
Meeting Time: 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: BFI Recyclery at Newby Island

- I. **ROLL** The Milpitas Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Committee was called to order at 2:00pm. Committee members Downey, JoLynn Andrade-Bunnell and guest were present. BFI staff Hillary Gans was also in attendance. Staff present: Marilyn Nickel.
- II. **TOUR** Hilary Gans led the group on the tour. It was observed that paper, glass, aluminum, and yard trims are recycled.
- III. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Regular meeting of Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: July 22, 2003
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: Committee Conference Room

I. **ROLL** The Chair Satwant Gill called to order the Milpitas Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Committee at 7:00 p.m. Committee members Dizon, Andrade-Bunnell and Yung were present. At 7:05 pm, committee member Downey arrived. BFI staff Bill Jones and Richard Su were also in attendance. Staff present: Darryl Wong, Marilyn Nickel and Elizabeth Koo.

II. **MINUTES** The minutes from the meeting of January 28, 2003.

Motion to approve

M/S: Dizon/Gill

Ayes: All

The minutes from the special meeting of February 7, 2003.

Motion to approve

M/S: Romy/Downey

Ayes: All

The minutes from the special meeting of February 28, 2003.

Motion to approve with changes to roll call. Add Andrade/Bunnell and Downey's daughter.

M/S: Downey/Romy

Ayes: All

III. PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Esteves expressed appreciation for the commissioners' public service to the community. He announced that he is the current chair of the County's Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission (RWRC). Welcomed the new commissioners, encouraged them to develop new programs and asked for additional applications to represent the business sector.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Gill asked that any commissioners interested in attending workshops should speak with him. He will then work with staff to make the necessary arrangements.

V. **AGENDA** The agenda for this meeting was approved.

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S: Gill/Dizon

Ayes: All

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee Bylaws – Koo stated that the bylaws that were presented on Jan. 28th will be submitted by the City Clerk at the Aug. 5th Council meeting. Primary change is to allow alternates to be seated at a meeting. Dizon suggested increasing the number of meetings in order to carry out additional plans as suggested by Mayor Esteves. Councilmember Gomez mentioned that most commissions meet monthly with the possibility of calling special meetings. Wong explained that the current meeting schedule was a result of meeting the 50% diversion requirement. Downey suggested increasing the number of meetings in view of the fact that the current diversion number may drop. Dizon moved to meet every two months. Downey felt this might be too often and suggested meeting quarterly. Dizon revised his motion to quarterly meetings. Several commissioners concurred. Wong requested and received confirmation that the new quarterly meeting schedule would be for meetings during the months of January, April, July and October.

Motion to meet quarterly.

M/S: Downey/Andrade-Bunnell

Ayes: All

2. Residential Scavenging Plans – Wong explained that illegal scavenging is removal of recyclables from curbside bins by parties other than BFI. BFI receives revenues from the recyclables that is used to offset program costs. Police dispatch will take these types of calls and send available officers to issue citations. Wong confirmed that outreach has already begun in the form of advertising on the City's cable channel and distribution of flyers printed in multiple languages. Downey and Yung have personally witnessed illegal scavenging. Councilmember Gomez suggested putting recyclables out on the morning of collection. Several commissioners had time constraints in the morning and/or collection times that differed for garbage and recyclables. Councilmember Gomez asked if anyone has been caught. Wong answered in the negative but reaffirmed that education is the goal. Yung suggested putting text in different languages on the side of the recycling bin. Wong responded that new bins have already been ordered but this idea will be discussed with staff to see if this is still a possibility. Downey asked if other cities were contacted to see how this problem was being dealt with within their cities. Wong answered that a strong outreach program was important. Yung asked how a program's effectiveness was measured. Downey asked if BFI saw volumes go up and down. Jones of BFI confirmed that there are seasonal trends and it is difficult to know if the cause is the result of scavenging, holidays or the economy. Councilmember Gomez asked how many complaints BFI has received regarding this problem. Jones answered that there are not very many complaints as the City usually receives most of these types of calls. Wong confirmed that this is a chronic problem in that the same people complain. Andrade-Bunnell asked if specific recyclables such as aluminum are targeted. Yung confirmed that plastic bottles with redemptive value are also attractive to scavengers.
3. Committee Budget Fiscal Year 2003-04 - Nickel stated that the Commission has a budget of \$600 for fiscal year 03-04 through the City Manager's budget for funding workshops, memberships, or training activities located in the Bay Area and related to solid waste or recycling. Yung commented that the cost of a single workshop might use a significant portion of the budget. Chair Gill asked that any commissioners interested in attending a workshop should speak with him and he would work with staff to make the necessary arrangements. Andrade Bunnell inquired about the California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA) and asked to see if the City is a member. Chair Gill asked that workshop costs be included in any e-mail requests and data provided by staff.

4. Legislation Update – Nickel discussed current changes in legislation as it relates to universal waste, construction and demolition, alternative cover and diesel particulate emission. She explained that universal waste is lower risk hazardous waste when compared to traditional hazardous waste. This group includes batteries, items with mercury, and consumer electronic devices. Residents may dispose of these types of items at the landfill until February 2006 and small businesses until February 2004. Andrade-Bunnell asked where batteries would be disposed of after 2004 and 2006. Nickel answered that the County of Santa Clara has a Household Hazardous Waste program which accepts these types of waste. Jones of BFI asked if light bulbs were also accepted through this program. Nickel confirmed that this was an acceptable item. Andrade-Bunnell asked if there were any costs to the citizen and if there were drop-off facilities. Nickel confirmed that there are no costs and that there are several drop-off locations. Downey suggested giving residents another recycling bin to hold universal waste items. He felt that early training and an easy disposal system were crucial for success. Yung suggested having drop-off bins at gas stations. Jones of BFI confirmed that the City of Cupertino already has a program in place to accept these types of wastes. It is based on their oil filter recycling program. Used oil filters are placed in a baggie for collection and a new one is left behind. Explained that construction and demolition is also known as C&D and includes concrete, asphalt, wood, shingles and metals. Each of these materials can be reused. State legislation may soon mandate recycling rather than remain voluntary. Currently, contractors are encouraged to keep a separate dumpster for their C&D to facilitate recycling. Jones explained that it is actually cheaper for contractors to dispose of used materials in this manner. Alternative daily cover relates to a landfill operation requirement in that all garbage must be covered at the end of the day. A common material is dirt but the current state law allows use of alternate materials. Proposed legislation would regulate the size of the materials to be used. Nickel reported that it is estimated that there is no impact to the current landfill operation. Diesel particulate matter control refers to the Air Resources Board's (ARB) proposal that garbage trucks use control measures to reduce diesel emissions. Control measures could include a range of alternatives such as biofuel or applying mechanical devices to existing trucks. Under these regulations, the BFI fleet servicing Milpitas would be required to implement control measures for their last 1-3 years of service life. Nickel reported that staff will be requesting a waiver from the ARB due to imminent fleet retirement. Wong explained that the City would be subject to a doubling of expenditures in the form of wasted improvement expenditures on the current fleet and the additional cost of a new fleet with the proper controls. Wong also added that the City would be placed in the role of enforcer in ensuring that haulers were in compliance with the regulation.
5. 2002 Diversion Discussion – Wong explained that diversion is based on a complicated formula involving yearly disposal amount, population, sales tax revenue, employment and the consumer price index. The amount of material that would have been generated is artificially calculated. Certain factors, such as economic activity, have a bigger impact than others. When sales tax revenues drop, the diversion number is similarly affected. The estimated 2002 sales tax decrease is 14%, which would result in a preliminary diversion rate of 47 - 48% if all other factors remain the same. This is below the 50% goal established by the State. Wong emphasized that the City does not have official factors for the calculation yet. Andrade-Bunnell asked if other City facilities have recycling bins. Su of BFI confirmed that recycle bins are located both inside and outside of City buildings. Andrade-Bunnell asked if recycle bins were located at parks? Nickel to confirm that that recycle bins are available at parks and specifically the Sports Center fields.

6. County Reorganization – Nickel explained that for the past several years, a group entitled the Pollution Prevention Committee focused on various activities, including Pollution Prevention Week, abandoned waste and green buildings. The Committee consisted of elected officials, city staff and community members. Due to budget cuts, the County could no longer support this organization and it was disbanded. Another existing group, titled Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission, makes recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors regarding solid waste activities. Mayor Esteves not only represents Milpitas but is also the current chair of the Commission. This Commission will be assuming the solid waste/disposal aspects of the Pollution Prevention Committee.

VII. STAFF ACTIVITIES

– Nickel stated that staff set up a booth at several events. A few events were highlighted.

7. 2003 Arbor Day Celebration/Compost Giveaway, April 26 at Yellowstone Park – Nickel announced that the event was a success. Over 1,500 bags of compost were given to the residents courtesy of BFI.
8. 2003 Fourth of July Parade, Main Street – Su of BFI reported that 1,200 lollipops with a message that references the City of Milpitas Recycling Hotline, 586-2680, were distributed by Milpitas Volunteer Partners, and City and BFI staff volunteers.
9. BFI awarded \$3,200 in mini-grant funding to 5 elementary school science classrooms – Su reported that Rose elementary school was one of the recipients. Andrade-Bunnell asked which schools were awarded. Su clarified that teachers applied for the grants and not the schools. **He will get a list of all five participating schools. LIZ – RICHARD'S INFORMATION IS INCORRECT. TEACHER'S APPLY TO BFI FOR THE GRANTS, HOWEVER THE CHECK IS WRITTEN TO THE SCHOOL FOR APPROVED RECYCLING & COMPOSTING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THIS SCHOOL PROJECT. HERE ARE THE FY2002-2003 RECIPIENTS:**

October 2002:

Curtner Elementary, \$750
Pomeroy Elementary, \$750
Zanker Elementary, \$500
Weller Elementary, \$750
Burnett Elementary, \$750
Spangler Elementary, \$500

March 2003:

Burnett Elementary, \$750
Curtner Elementary, \$500
Pomeroy Elementary, \$800

VIII. ROUNDTABLE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Andrade-Bunnell asked if shredded paper was allowed in recycling bins. Jones of BFI confirmed that residential recycling of these items is fine however he cautioned against large volumes since it can cause a potential mess. Businesses have an alternative method of disposing these types of waste. Su of BFI clarified that some businesses use a service for their shredded paper due to confidentiality. Downey asked how computers were recycled. Jones explained that there are two issues. One, the market value of the metal is not profitable. Two, lead is hazardous waste and cannot be put into the landfill. There is

a charge to process and smelt lead. He added that BFI has recently contracted with a new company that would provide this type processing service. Downey mentioned that he has noticed that HP will only recycle HP computers. Su added that the Center for Development of Recycling at SJSU keeps track of recycling businesses. Andrade-Bunnell inquired about last month's residential outreach meeting. **Marilyn to get results and distribute information.**

- Wong suggested that staff can assist in setting up additional tours such as facilities in other cities if the commission desires.
- Chair Gill asked that commissioners and staff bring costs and websites for conferences that they are interested in at the next meeting. **He also asked that more information about shredded paper be distributed to the residents.**
- Andrade-Bunnell and Downey asked for large recyclable bins. Yung suggested larger recycling bins like those used for garbage and yard waste. Jones of BFI stated that BFI will be installing a single-stream system at the Recyclery in October or shortly thereafter. He suggested (based on Yung's proposal) that a 96-gallon container with lid might reduce scavenging. Wong explained that there are investment considerations with the current equipment that must be considered.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Tours of facilities in other cities.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

M/S: Gill/?

Ayes: All

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Minutes: Regular meeting of Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission
Meeting Date: October 28, 2003
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: Community Center Room 5

I. ROLL Acting Chair Keith Walker called to order the Milpitas Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Committee at 7:20 p.m. Commission members Jo Lynn Andrade-Bunnell, John Armando, Romy Dizon, Donald Downey, Eulalio Mercado and Patrick Yung were present. BFI staff Richard Su was also in attendance. Staff present: Darryl Wong, Marilyn Nickel and Elizabeth Koo.

II. MINUTES The minutes from the meeting of July 22, 2003.

Motion to approve
M/S: Downey/Dizon

Ayes: All

III. PUBLIC INPUT

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Chair Keith Walker spoke highly of the Rose Elementary school beautification event held on October 25th. The coordinated efforts of the school, City and BFI staff were evident in the smooth operation of event. The newly planted trees and flowers made a strong visual impact. BFI staff Richard Su extended thanks to Capital Nursery and Home Depot for their contributions.

John Armando commented on the success of the Walk To School Day event held on October 8th.

V. AGENDA The agenda for this meeting was approved.

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.
M/S: Downey/Dizon

Ayes: All

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Commission Bylaws – Koo stated that the City Council approved amendments to the commission bylaws at the August 18th Council meeting. RSRAC bylaw changes included a name change from committee to commission, quarterly meetings and the ability for an alternate to be seated and vote in the absence of a regular member.
2. Residential Scavenging Plans – Wong stated that the residential scavenging plan has already begun in the form of outreach material which included mailings and paper advertisements. Milpitas police have responded to 19 calls and witnessed 3 actual occurrences. Initial offenses result in verbal warnings however repeat offenders will be given citations. Downey asked if BFI had a way to determine the impact of residential scavenging on their business.

BFI staff Su responded that they did not have a way to measure the impact but felt that the amount would be negligible.

3. Legislation Update - Nickel stated that the State recently passed senate bill 20. The Electronic Waste Recycling Act establishes a comprehensive program to safely manage cathode ray tubes (CRTs). CRTs are used in computer monitors, TVs, flat panel screens and other video displays that contain hazardous components. Starting July 1, 2004, California retailers will begin collecting an electronic waste recycling fee. Armando asked if BFI would be involved in e-waste recycling. Nickel answered that the current focus is on product manufacturers. Andrade-Bunnell asked if retailers will be able to accept e-waste starting July 2004. Nickel responded that the focus is ensuring that legislation is in place. Dizon requested a copy of SB20.
4. Public Hearing on Odor – Wong stated that Milpitas has had a long history regarding odor problems, especially from odor sources located outside the city to the west. Potential odor sources include Newby Island, Calpine Corp, Cargill Salt Ponds, Zanker Road Landfill and San Jose Water Pollution Control Plant. Unfortunately, Milpitas is a recipient of odors from multiple potential sources but lacks any regulatory or enforcement power. Wong explained that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) has purview over odors except for compost odors which fall under the City of San Jose's Code Enforcement Division which serves as the local enforcement agency (LEA). Potential odor sources and regulators were invited to a joint meeting organized by the City on Oct. 16th. Discussion included both BAAQMD's and LEA's role in the enforcement process. City is currently working on a coordination plan to ease information between agencies and thereby improve their feedback system. Andrade-Bunnell asked if BAAQMD was a joint powers agency. Wong responded that the Board of Directors is comprised of elected officials. Andrade-Bunnell asked how board members were elected. Wong said we will determine how they are determined and return with the information. Armando asked if there are any laws on particulate emission standards. Specifically, limits on the extent of parts per million of contaminants that is legally allowed. Wong confirmed that there are particulate emission standards that must be followed. Inspectors investigate complaints and try to isolate a source. Five confirmed complaints result in a public nuisance citation. Staff emphasized the importance of public calls to report odors in order to begin the enforcement action. Armando suggested a public educational program to increase response to objectionable odors as the public may have grown accustomed to the misconception that they have no recourse. Wong explained that compost facilities do utilize proactive measure including the timing of daily windrow turning, use of windsocks, etc. Real-time information from regulatory agencies would be valuable to potential odor sources in determining possible odor generating practices in their operations. Wong mentioned that the City is currently working on a flowchart of the complaint process as a way to better determine if suggested measures might improve the system's efficiency. Walker mentioned that his dealings with BAAQMD over the past twelve years have shown that the organization has performed well under difficult circumstances and with a limited budget and staff. Downey asked if the City advertises an odor hotline number and plans to receive odor calls in the future. Wong responded that the City does not want to become another layer of government in the complaint process. Instead, the City would like to help ease correspondence between the two agencies in order to speed up investigations. Yung was concerned about the potential health risks related to foul odors. Nickel answered that it was her understanding that proximity is a factor and distance between an individual and the source greatly reduces negative effects (if indeed any exist).

5. Non-Disposal Facility Element (NDFE) Amendment for Environmental Management Systems (EMS) – Koo explained that the County issues permits to sorting and processing facilities such as EMS. Prior to issuing a permit, there must be an amendment to the County's planning document. The City was recently requested by EMS to request a revision to the planning document. This request was submitted to the County's Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission on Oct. 22nd. Walker asked about the facilities operations. Koo responded that the facility will be permitted as a sorting and processing facility accepting both commingled and source separated recyclables. Mixed loads of recyclables would be separated and taken to appropriate recycling facilities. Residual wastes would be sent out for disposal at a permitted facility. Wet solid waste (garbage) would not be accepted. Additionally, the operations would include wood grinding to be performed on-site.
6. Facility Tours – Wong thanked Armando for hosting an informative tour at Raisch Products. Zanker Road Landfill, Smart Station in Sunnyvale, and Waste Management in Hayward were suggested as future tours. Preferred dates/times included Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings. Downey requested computer recycling tours once electronic waste legislation take effect in July 2004. Armando requested a plastic recycling tour. Staff will investigate a tour of a plastic facility in Hayward and send the information on potential dates to RASRAC members. Armando shared about his experience on a garage door recycling tour taken in a rural Mexican village.

VII. STAFF ACTIVITIES

– A few events were highlighted.

1. School Beautification Event at Rose Elementary, October 25 – Koo stated that the school beautification event at Rose Elementary was a huge success. There were 300 volunteers including Milpitas Valuable Partners (MVP), Rose Elementary personnel (including children, parents, school staff), Boy Scout Pack 92, City staff, City maintenance staff and BFI. Activities included litter patrols around the schools, planting of over 150 plants and 11 trees, and new ground cover.
2. Pollution Prevention Week, September 15-21 – Koo reported that the City participated in this nationwide event by distributing door hangers and flyers promoting environmentally preferred practices and hosting the City's annual creek clean-up on September 20. Over 300 volunteers collected 2.26 tons of debris from Berryessa, Wrigley Ford, and Coyote creeks.

VIII. ROUNDTABLE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Downey inquired about the potential of using a single, large recycling bin in place of the small bins currently in practice. He suggested that some benefits might include cost savings and a reduction in scavenging. Walker felt that the current system allowed an educational opportunity for those learning how to separate recyclables. Armando explained that a single recycling bin may be more expensive than assumed. There is a cost for separation (of recyclables) that may be passed along to customers. There is also a greater possibility of contamination. Non-recyclables may advertently/inadvertently be mixed with recyclables. Wong explained that the City has a contract with the hauler that includes partial payment for current equipment. Any equipment changes would mean additional capital costs.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

M/S: Downey/Dizon

Ayes: All